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FAE Chapter #4: Reflection

From reading chapter 4, there were many passages that were interesting to read that connects education from the past to modern societal education. It is very intriguing that critical thinking has derived from philosophy. Critical thinking has contained the ways of thinking abstract and using logic for situation. Imaginative and generalization are also important for the analytic of critical thinking. It is very interesting how philosophers in the olden times have created critical thinking as a mean of questions. This still carries on in today’s education, as students are able to utilize critical thinking in their lesson plan.

Another passage from the text that I found very interesting was talking about idealism and realism. These philosophical ideas are some key points that lead to the creation of education. From my point of view, I favor the idea of realism as it pertains to the notion of human rationality. It gives others a reason to study a broad range of knowledge and offers students to think critically and be observant on their surroundings. The one key point that I believe in, is the notion that the evolution is a natural occurrence that happen in the universe, rather than a supernatural occurrence for the creation of the universe. However, I found that pragmatism is a good middle ground between Idealism and realism. This philosophical idea is what the educational system uses in modern society. The idea behind pragmatism is to view schools as a place full of learners. Thus, involving cultural diversity to express and maintain learning atmosphere.

For me personally, I am a student who works well with others and critically thinking or brainstorming ideas is better with more people. The way I adapt to my surroundings, depend on the people I am able to rely on. This is a key factor in approaching an assignment that I am working with. The good amount of people I am able to get in contact with, can put more insight into my work. A place full of potential learners is a dream that I love and think that I can make in the near future when I am finally employed as a teacher. I want to able to incorporate my own experience onto my students as they will be able to think critically on their assignments.